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SUBJECT: DAILY TELEGRAPH ARTICLE BASED ON ENDERS PRESS

BACKGROUND, AUGUST 5

REF: KAUFMAN/MARTIN TELCON 8/6

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AUGUST 6 DAILY TELEGRAPH QUOTES ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS AS SAYING THAT THE UK WOULD SHARE ITS NORTH SEA OIL UNDER IEP ARRANGEMENTS. REVIEW OF TRANSCRIPT OF AUGUST 5 ENDERS PRESS BACKGROUND DEVOTED TO THE WORK OF THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP INCLUDING THE IEP REVEALS NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF NORTH SEA OIL.

2. DURING QUESTION PERIOD THAT FOLLOWED ENDERS EXPOSITION OF IEP, FOLLOWING Q AND A EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR DAILY TELEGRAPH STATEMENT:

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QUESTION: "... A RELATED QUESTION, DO I UNDERSTAND THAT

THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAS A PRODUCING CAPACITY, WILL THEN SHARE WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH NO PRODUCING CAPACITY, SOME OF OUR DOMESTIC OIL?"

ANSWER: "... AS I SAY, ALL AVAILABLE OIL IMPORTED, DRAWN FROM STOCKS, AND DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SHARING UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT. NOT ONLY THE UNITED STATES BUT CANADA, NORWAY, AND EVENTUALLY GREAT BRITAIN,

WILL HAVE VERY SUBSTANTIAL DOMESTIC PRODUCTION. THIS WOULD BE PART OF THE POOL OF OIL THAT WOULD BE SHARED.

NOW, WHETHER OR NOT OIL WERE DRAWN FROM A COUNTRY OR SIMPLY IMPORTS WERE DIVERTED OR STOCK DRAWINGS WERE DIVERTED REMAINS A QUESTION OF THE DEPTH OF ANY INDIVIDUAL CRISIS."

3. IT APPEARS THAT DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER MODIFIED ENDERS RESPONSE AS QUOTED ABOVE TO INCREASE UK READER INTEREST. KISSINGER

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